

**REMARKS****I. Introduction**

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 17, and 23 are independent. The status of the pending claims is as follows:

(A) the Examiner states that claims 17-23 are directed to **allowable** subject matter;

(B) claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,820,260 (hereinafter “Flockhart”); and

(C) claim 1 stands further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,614,783 (hereinafter “Sonesh”) in view of Flockhart.

Upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, all currently rejected claims (claims 1-16) will be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, solely to advance prosecution. Applicants may pursue any subject matter and/or scope associated with the claims cancelled herein in one or more continuing applications. No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and the amendment is presented solely to advance prosecution by placing the pending claims in condition for allowance.

**II. Conclusion**

At least because all currently rejected claims are cancelled herein to advance prosecution, it is submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, as stated by the Examiner, or in better form for appeal.

Alternatively, if there remain any questions regarding the present application, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Carson C.K. Fincham at telephone number 203-461-7017 or via electronic mail at [cfincham@walkerdigital.com](mailto:cfincham@walkerdigital.com), at the Examiner’s convenience.

**III. Petition for Extension of Time to Respond**

While no fees are believed to be due at this time, please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should

an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

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